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202-236 E. Cross St. (North side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

1845-1885

The north side of the 200 block of E. Cross St. was developed in an easterly moving direction, beginning from the corner of William St. and moving easterly towards Riverside Ave. John T. Grindall built a row of two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses at 202-210 E. Cross St. in the late 1840's, contemporaneously with the similar row he built to the north along William St. Of this group only 204 and 208 E. Cross St. retain their original exterior form; 202, 206, and 210 E. Cross St. have been enlarged and are now three stories in height with shed roofs and bracketed cornices. 212-222 E. Cross St. is a group of three story, mainly three bay wide brick houses (the exceptions are 214 and 216 which are only two bays wide), with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, built in the early 1870's to served a mixed commercial/residential function, as they do today. The original Victorian storefront is still intact (though deteriorated) at 212 E. Cross St. and is noteworthy as being one of the few surviving Italianate-style storefronts in the area. At 224-232 E. Cross St. there is a group of two story, three bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, built in the early 1880's by Nicholas Popplein. To the east, at 234-236 E. Cross St. is a pair of three story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornice, built by Popplein in the same period.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

234-236 E. Cross St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pair of three story, two bay brick houses with shed roof and metal cornice was built in the 1880's as part of the development of the eastern end of this block of Cross St.

The houses are three stories in height, 15' wide, and occupy lot 71 1/2' deep. Each house is two rooms deep and has a two story high, three bay deep rear addition, followed by a two story high, one bay deep section and a one story high, one bay deep section. At 234 Cross these latter two additions are frame; at 236 Cross they are masonry. The houses are constructed in running bond. The shed roof is capped by a stamped sheet metal cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding set above a row of plain modillions and a lower molding strip. Two end brackets, the upper edges of which terminated in plain, rounded "anthemions," connect the cornice to a lower molding strip, thus forming a brick freize area. 236 Cross has two single rectangular chimneys located along the east side of the house. Each house has a rear end chimney located at the north end of the rear addition.

All of the door and window openings at 234 Cross have splayed brick lintels; the openings at 236 Cross have segmentally arched brick lintels with solid wood tympanums. All of the sills on both houses are stone. At 234 Cross the window openings are filled with the original 2/2 double hung sash; at 236 Cross the window openings are filled with 1/1 sash. Both houses have multi-light glass and panel doors set beneath single light transoms. The houses sit on low basements, the entrances being reached by one stone step each. Each house has a coal opening located in the sidewalk beneath the first floor window. A flat-roofed alleyway runs between the two houses.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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| PERIOD | | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | | |

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1876-1884

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Nicholas Popplein

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See under 1018-1028 Riverside Ave.

The houses were sold by Popplein in 1884 to Gottlieb Jerrentrup, who operated a liquor and grocery store at 1016 Riverside Ave. (now demolished), and whose brother owned 218 E. Cross St. Jerrentrup rented the houses to a variety of tenants.¹

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber JB 1010, Folio 200; Baltimore City Directory, 1885, 1887

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 15' x 71'6" each

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles5/79

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

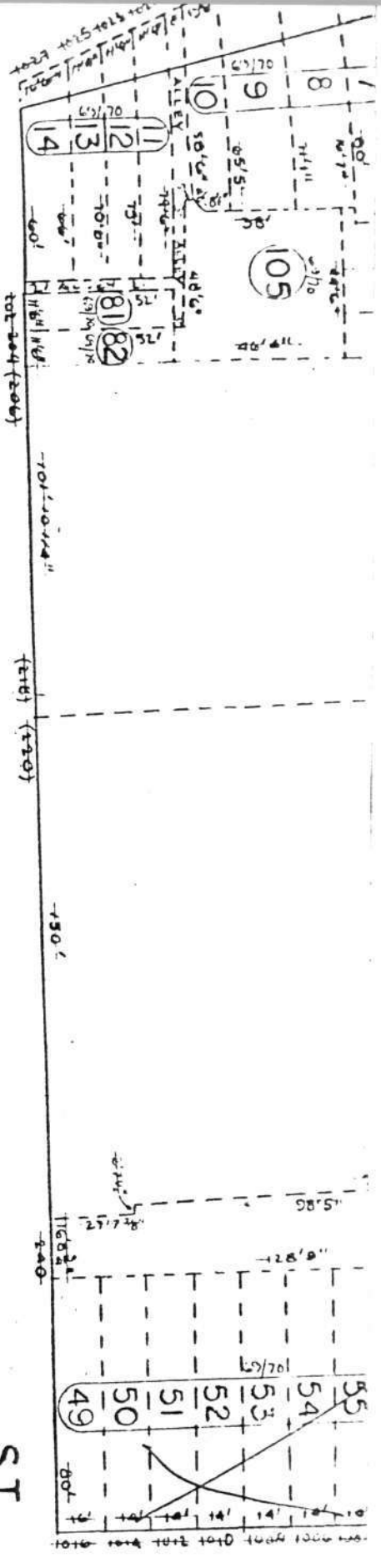
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RuxtonMaryland 21204

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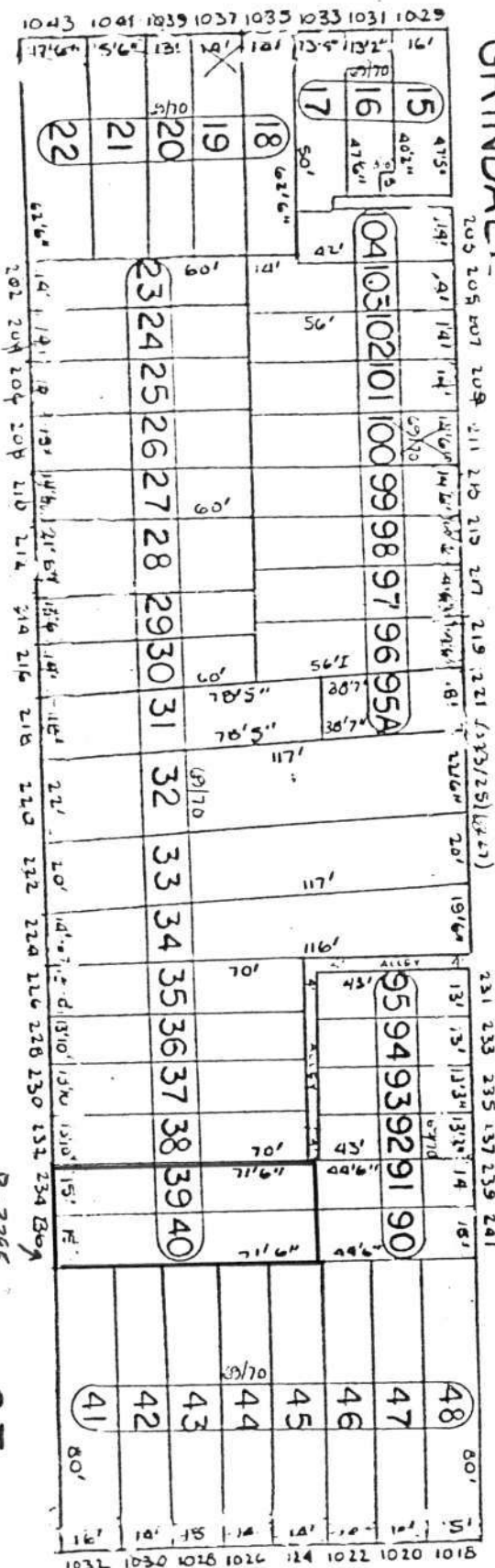
RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



WILLIAM

GRINDALI

E. CROSS



ST.

RIVERSIDE

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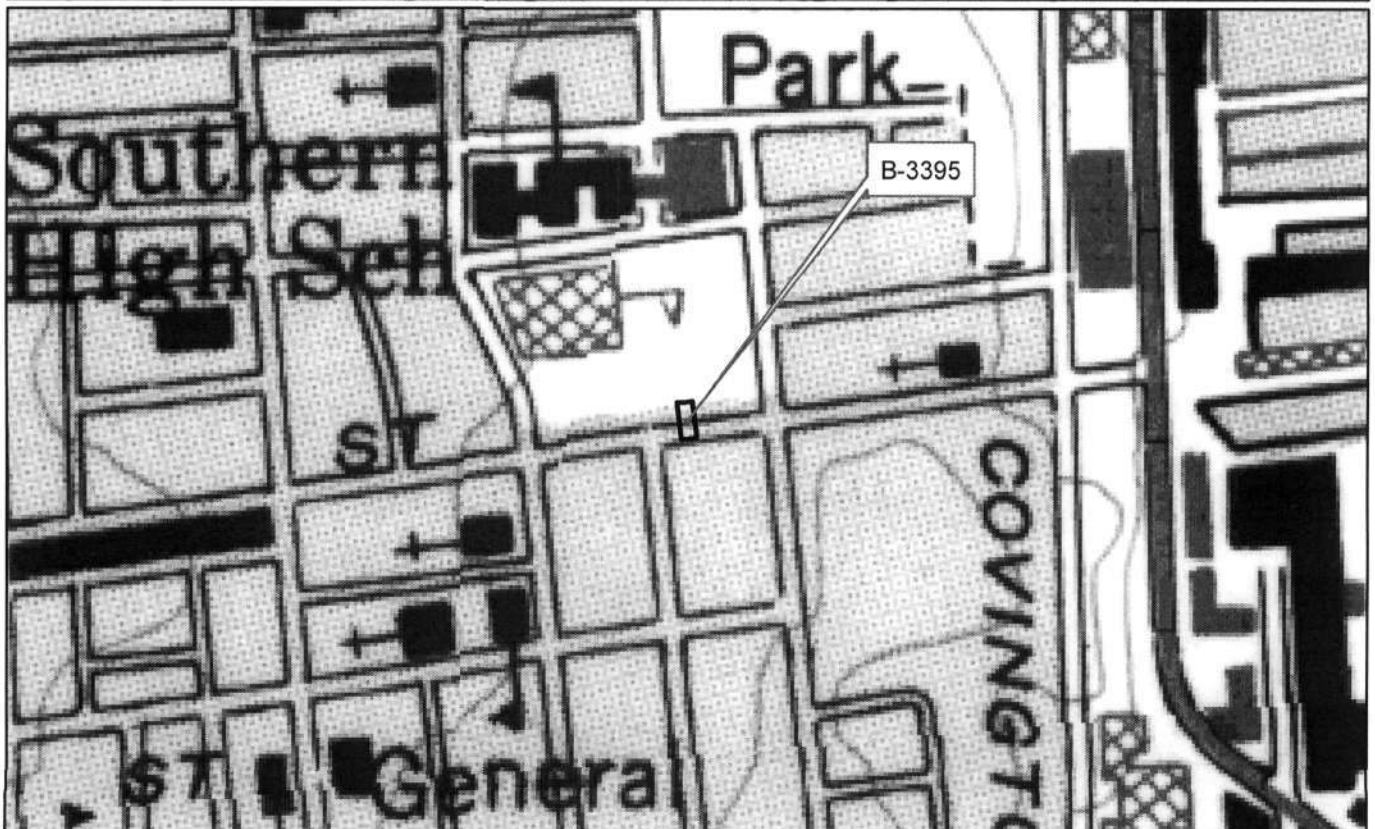
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SHEET IN SET-3

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234-236 E. Cross Street
Block 0937 Lots 039-040
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





B-3395 234-236 E. Cross St.

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South elevation